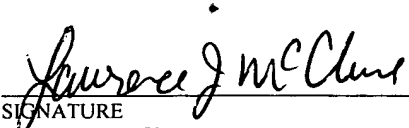


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | | U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/576534 Not assigned |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/016205 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 26 October 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 07 November 2003 | |
| TITLE OF INVENTION ASPIRATION CATHETER | | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Takuji NISHIDE, Masato HASHIBA and Shogo MIKI | | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | | |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> <p>Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p> | | | |

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| 17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Basic National Fee \$300 National Stage Search Fee \$400 National Stage Examination Fee \$200 <div style="text-align: right;">TOTAL FEE AMOUNT =</div> | | | | | CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)). | | | | | \$ 900.00 \$ 130.00 | |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER ALLOWED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | | |
| Total claims | 19 | 20 | 0 | X \$50.00 | 0 | |
| Independent claims | 1 | 3 | 0 | X \$200.00 | \$ 0 | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | | X \$360.00 | \$ 0 | |
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| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | | 1030.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | | | |
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| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | | 1030.00 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + | | | | | \$ 0 | |
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| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of <u>\$1030.00</u> to cover the above fee is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1314 in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Number 000026021 → | | | | | | |
| HOGAN & HARTSON L.L.P. 500 South Grand Avenue, Suite 1900 Los Angeles, California 90071 Phone: 213-337-6700 Fax: 213-337-6701 | | | | <div style="text-align: center;">  SIGNATURE Lawrence J. McClure REG.NO. 44,228 Express Mail Label No. EV 769 784 987 US Date: April 19, 2006 </div> | | |

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